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## COMET PHENOMENA

Famous Scientific Scholars Express Various Opinions

### QUESTION ABOUT THE TAIL

Comet Crossed Sun—Sun Spots and What Causes Them—Celestial Luminaries Can Now be Seen in the Western Sky After Sunset.

Washington, Special.—The weather delayed the first-evening view of the comet in Washington.

Should the sky become clear, however, it will be possible to see the streamer at 8:20 to the best advantage.

Sunset comes about 7:10, and twilight ends a little more than an hour thereafter. As to future visions of the comet, its similarity to the sun's corona may be apparent. Prof. George H. Peters, the sun-spot specialist at the Naval Observatory, said that in his view the two phenomena might be regarded as of like class.

In this view both the comet and the sun rays are expelled and are composed partly of atoms and partly of the disrupted ions which, as systems of a thousand to hundreds of thousands, constitute the various elemental "atoms" of the older books. These streams, both those pouring through the holes, which constitute sun spots, and those radiating from the comet head, produce electrical and magnetic effects on striking the earth's atmosphere, because the ions carry electrical charges.

Definite information about the earth's passage through the streamer will hardly be available for some days. It passed through the tail of a comet in 1861 without the fact being known for some time, and then only from "calculations based on observed positions before and after the passage."

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Prof. E. E. Barnard, at Yerkes Observatory, says that a comet spectrum secured Friday night is continuous and probably from reflected rays of the sun. No cyanogen gas was shown, but there were traces of carbon monoxide, hydrocarbon, dioxygen, and sodium. He found it impossible to give any opinion regarding solid matter in the nucleus.

London, By Cable.—A dispatch from Mahe, one of the Seychelle Islands, in the Indian Ocean, says that Halley's comet has been a magnificent sight there for many nights. The tail at 4 o'clock in the morning of May 17 was fully 90 degrees long. The nucleus was below the horizon. Part of the tail was visible on the following morning, but it was much fainter, and at 4:30 Friday morning it was barely discernible. No phenomena were observable.

Baltimore, Special.—At 4 o'clock Friday morning a ball of light, not unlike a gigantic searchlight was seen to span the firmament from northwest to southeast. Dr. John A. Anderson, of the Johns Hopkins University, stated that this phenomenon was conclusive evidence that the tail of Halley's comet was curved and that the earth did not pass through it.

"The phenomenon was undoubtedly observed," said Dr. Anderson, "and its presence at 4 a. m., seems to me to mean that the tail of the comet has about 2,000,000 miles of curvature, and that consequently the earth missed it altogether."

Providence, R. I., Special.—Prof. Winslow Upton, of Brown University, does not concur wholly with some other astronomers in the belief that the earth missed the tail of Halley's comet, but thinks that the world did make the passage during the daylight hours Thursday.

"We are pretty certain that the earth was swept by the tail of Halley's comet Thursday during daylight," he said, "because we picked up the tail before daylight Thursday morning in the East."

Staggering Appropriation for Navy. Washington, Special.—That the United States as a nation has gone wild in the matter of armaments and especially in the construction of battleships, was asserted in practical concord by Senators Hale, Clay and Gallinger, in the Senate Saturday. These statements were made in connection with the consideration of the naval appropriation bill which occupied the attention of the Senate throughout the day. The bill carries \$133,000,000, and Senator Hale predicted that within five years the annual naval appropriation would not be less than \$175,000,000.

## THE STATE FAIR PROGRAM

The Great Virginia-Carolina-Georgia Fair Circuit's Race Program—In Raleigh October 17-22.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—The State Race Program, of the close approaching events of the great Virginia-Carolina-Georgia Fair Circuit is just issued and it will be noted with enthusiasm that the management of the North Carolina State Fair at Raleigh hangs out the most attractive purses offered that city.

In Raleigh the dates are October 17-22, and the stake purses amount to \$2,100, there being four purses, there being offered a purse of \$1,000 for the Big Thursday of Fair Week, besides this the other purses being two of \$500 and one of \$100.

In this record Raleigh takes the lead as it is the only member of the circuit that breaks all precedents and puts up a thousand dollar purse as its banner event, the largest amount previously offered on the circuit being a \$500 prize.

The Virginia-Carolina-Georgia Circuit hangs out this season \$20,000 in Stake Races, \$30,000 in Class Races, and \$20,000 in Running Races, about \$70,000 total. It is certain that the race feature this fall will eclipse anything previously seen on the track of the N. C. Agricultural Society.

Methodist Conference Closes. Asheville, Special.—The sixteenth quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, came to a close Saturday.

Bishop Collins Denny has been elected secretary of the college of bishops. The discussion on the question of an assessment for an endowment fund for without preachers was again taken up and by vote of the conference lost. The salary of the secretary of the board of education was raised to \$3,600. The report of the committee on the statement of faith for worldwide Methodism showed that their work failed on account of another Church declining to cooperate in the effort.

By far the most confusion since the conference opened was created by the discussion as to whether the conference strike out the words "the Holy Catholic Church" in the creed and substitute the words "Church of God." The session adjourned without the question being settled.

An appropriation of \$12,000 was voted for the Pacific Methodist Advocate for the next four years.

The last measure adopted by the conference before adjourning sine die was the adopting of a report that a committee of five be appointed to cooperate with the national committee on uniform divorce law.

### Remarkable and Mysterious Man.

Asheville, Special.—After standing unclaimed for over seven years in embalmed solitude, dressed in full evening dress, with silk hat and cane, the mummified body of Sidney Lasselles, alias "Lord Douglas," alias "Lord Beresford," alias Charles J. Asquith, was sent to Washington, D. C., consigned to Dr. McPherson Chrichton, to be burned in the crematory at that city. The body was claimed and identified by a Mrs. J. T. Summerfield of New Jersey, who said that she was the sister-in-law of the deceased first wife, now living at Baltimore. She made affidavit to that effect and by her order the mummy was shipped to Washington.

Great mystery shrouds the life and career of this bogus Lord. It is said that he had sixteen living wives. In Georgia he served a long penitentiary term for bigamy. He was a noted forger and swindler, and operated among the wealthy class in several Southern states. He went to Asheville from Texas. He married an Asheville lady several years ago, who disappeared completely after he deserted her. She has not been heard of since. Mystery surrounds those who were behind the removal of his body. Their identity is a secret. In the letters to the undertaker through her sister-in-law, Mrs. Summerfield, wife No. 1, speaks endearingly of the great Lothario. She writes, "He had the voice of a Parsifal and the eloquence and charm of a Disraeli, and his influence over women was wonderful."

### Newspaper Job For Kerby.

Washington, Special.—Frederick W. Kerby, who was recently discharged by Secretary Ballinger, hereafter will be connected with the newspaper association to which he gave his statement regarding the work in the Secretary's office. He will probably go to Cleveland.

### Do Something.

New York, Special.—Education and reform in sanitation will be the chief means by which the hookworm will be eventually wiped out, according to Dr. C. W. Stiles, scientific secretary of the Rockefeller hookworm commission.

## THE NEWS MINUTELY TOLD

The Heart of Happenings Carved From the Whole Country.

President Taft has consented to make the annual address at the commencement exercises at Bryn Mawr College June 2.

The National Credit Men's Association, in convention at New Orleans, declined to take action on a proposition to raise a fund of \$1,000,000 for the investigation and prosecution in credit transactions.

Commemorating the completion of the lock and dam in the Ohio river at Cincinnati, thereby furnishing a harbor 25 miles long, there will be held at Cincinnati from August 29th to October 4th, the Ohio Valley Exposition.

The annual Reunion of the South Carolina Division of the United Division of the United Confederate Veterans will be held on August 17 and 18 at Spartanburg.

Mrs. Hannah Sullivan, of New York, the widow of "Little Tim," says that he left no real estate and a personal estate worth only \$15,000.

One of the most interesting undertakings of the Southern Baptists is the annual Cowboys' Campmeeting, which is held every July in the Davis Mountains of West Texas. Rev. Dr. George W. Truett, of Dallas, conducts the services, with the assistance of ministers of other denominations.

Liliuokalani, former queen of Hawaii, has again met defeat in her effort to secure \$450,000—the rentals from the crown lands in Hawaii.

Mrs. Jarrett Pittman, of near McConnellsburg, Pa., 80 years of age, whose head has been covered for a decade with snow-white hair, is creating no end of surprise for her neighbors and friends of the vicinity by growing very dark hair.

So tight has the short skirts that is now the vogue, become around the ankles and below the knee, that if it grows any tighter, the wearer will be quite unable to walk.

Harvard College has abandoned the idea of the erection of memorial tablets in Memorial Hall in reverence to her sons who died fighting under the colors of the Confederacy.

Disquieting rumors of an anti-foreign movement not unlike that preceding the Boxer troubles are being reported by the American consulate at Nan King.

Miss Eva Harmon died in Spartanburg, S. C., of pellagra. Miss Harmon was 23 years old, and had been ill for several months. This is one of the first victims of pellagra that has died in Spartanburg County.

The 94th annual report of the American Bible society shows that during the past year the total issue of publications at home and abroad amounted to 2,826,831.

George Mitchell, colored, was sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary in superior court at Savannah, Ga., for stealing a diamond pin valued at \$500, which evidence showed had been given to Billy Kersands, a negro minstrel, by the late Queen Victoria of England.

A jagged fragment of glass was found in the appendix of a young man operated on in New York. Coroner I. L. Feinberg, who operated, said that as far as records known to him show this is the first case in which the presence of glass was a cause of appendicitis.

Los Angeles probably has the only woman deputy district attorney in the county. Mrs. Clara Shorridge Foltz has received her commission, and took the oath of office.

Judge John D. Haymaker made an adoption order in an unusual case at Pittsburg, which makes Ida Selma Light, 40 years old, the daughter of Mary L. McIntosh, who is 76. Neither woman has ever married and have no heirs. The order of court gives the adopted woman the right of a child and heir, and directs that she shall be subject to the duties of a child.

Significant of the growth of Catholicism in the new world was the splendid ceremony performed by Archbishop Ireland in St. Paul, when for the first time since the church came to America six bishops were consecrated simultaneously.

Woodmen of the World observe memorial day June 6, this being the date set for the members of this order throughout the country to honor their dead.

Following the spirit of the recent conference held to consider social diseases and their prevention by education, the Department of Public Health and Charities, Philadelphia, makes in its weekly health talks an earnest appeal to parents to talk plainly with their children, and not to be reticent through a feeling of false modesty, on the important facts of personal and sexual hygiene.

William H. Barrett, a hotelkeeper, of Locust Valley, L. I., famed for being considerably broader than he was long, is dead. His collar was size 21-2, he was 6 feet 8 inches around the waist and weighed 569 pounds. He was 48 years old.

Jacob Minnieh, of York, Pa., has just made the discovery that the last chick of a brood of 13 hatched out on Friday, May 13, is a freak, having three wings.

Yeggmen blew open the office of the Southern Express Company, in Fargo, Ga., and secured several hundred dollars in coin, together with a small collection of rare coin placed in the safe for safekeeping.

A study of industrial education in the United States has been begun by the bureau of labor.

John Drysdale, aged 114, the oldest man in West Virginia, is paying his first visit to Marlinton in twenty-seven years. He lives on a farm with relatives eighteen miles from there. Despite his advanced years Drysdale walks about the city during his visit.

The annual national conference of German Baptists (old order of Dunkards) opened eight miles south of Salt Lake with delegates from 20 States and 10,000 visitors present. Following the communion services the ceremony of foot washing, an ordinance of the church, was observed.

### Southern's Annual Directory.

Atlanta, Special.—The land and industrial department of the Southern Railway has just issued the company's annual directory of textile mills along the Southern Railway and Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

The directory makes a book of 32 pages and gives the names and capacity of all mills located in the cities and towns through which the lines run, the character of the output and the kind of power used.

### Roast Interstate Commerce Com.

Richmond, Special.—Caustic criticism of the merchant marine policy of Congress as "criminal," and severe arraignment of the Interstate Commerce Commission, with an intimation that its members are so saturated by association with corporate affairs that they prefer the rights of the railroads to those of the people, were the most striking features of the first session of the National Association of Piano Dealers of America.

### Record Concord Student Broken.

Waynesboro, Pa., Special.—While Waynesboro can boast of having a number of pupils in its schools that have not missed a school day for 8 or 10 years, Mercersburg comes to the front with one better. Miss Lulu Kreps, daughter of John B. Kreps, of that place, who was graduated from the Mercersburg High School this week, has not missed a day in the last 12 years, nor has she been tardy once in that time.

### Good in All Boys.

St. Louis, Special.—"Do not tell a child how bad you think him," said E. E. Gardner, superintendent of the Sockanosset School for Boys, of Howard, R. I., in an address on industrial training in state schools, before the seventh annual session of the national conference on the education of backward, truant, delinquent and dependent children. Rather show him how useful he can become. Lead him to think that good is expected from everyone and that he amounts to something."

### Southern Advertiser South.

Atlanta, Special.—In connection with the work it is doing in exploiting the resources of the South with the purpose of attracting desirable settlers, the Southern Railway company announced Saturday that during the coming fall it will make displays of Southern products at a number of important fairs in the North and West where they will be witnessed by at least 1,000,000 people outside the South.

### Valuable Express Package Purloined.

Oil City, Pa., Special.—A package containing \$32,024.24 in paper and silver money was stolen from the offices of the Adams Express Company here early Thursday. The police have no clues.

### Free Books for Farmers.

Uncle Jimmie Wilson, secretary of the Department of Agriculture, has just issued the "Year-Book for 1909" and a joy it will be to the intelligent farmer. Each Representative gets 897 and each Senator 1,100 of these people.

### High Muck-a-Muck on Trial.

New York, Special.—Charles R. Heike, secretary of the sugar trust, described by William Loeb, Jr., as the "man higher up," is at last facing a jury on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the government out of customs duties by the false weighing of sugar. The trial is being held before Judge Martin in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court and promises to be one of the greatest legal battles waged by the government in a long time.

Sometimes a man's best asset, submits the Commonwealth, is his ignorance.

## KING EDWARD IS BURIED

Largest Number of People Ever Gathered in London—Glittering Pageant—Roosevelt There.

London, By Cable.—The body of King Edward VII was carried through the streets of the capital Friday in the presence of many hundred thousand subjects and with the Kings of nine European nations, several future rulers, members of all the royal families of the world and a former president of the United States following the casket from Westminster Hall to Paddington station.

The cortege moved through solid double lines of red-coated soldiers standing with rifles reversed and the regimental colors dipped to the ground. At the railway station the casket was placed in a funeral car and was taken to Windsor where, after the Church of England service had been conducted by the archbishop of Canterbury, St. George's chapel were entombed in the Albert memorial adjoining.

No such processional spectacle had been witnessed in London since Queen Victoria's jubilee.

Behind the casket upon which rested the imperial symbols followed the late King's charger, while his favorite terrier was led by a Highlander soldier just before the imperial ensign.

The representatives of the two great republics, the United States and France were given a position at the rear of all the royalties and the prince of the pettiest of European states. Their carriage followed those carrying the royal ladies and they were the last in line of the representatives of foreign governments.

The morning was clear and a hot sun beat upon the great mass of humanity that lined the route of the procession. It is doubtful that so many people were ever seen before in London. At the Mall, in St. James street, and at Hyde Park the throng almost overwhelmed the procession. The police and soldiers had to fight to prevent the lines being swept away by the crush. There were many broken limbs and other injuries were received. Hundreds of persons fainted, among them many women who had been standing on the pavement for hours before the procession left Westminster Hall.

### Bishops Block Change of Name.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—The measure adopted at Friday morning's session to name the Church the Methodist Episcopal Church was vetoed at the afternoon session by the college of bishops. Then conference voted to change the name to the Methodist Episcopal church in America and requested the bishops as it is a constitutional question to have the annual conferences vote on the question. Not until the next General Conference can the name be legally changed if by a three-fourths vote of members of the annual conference they vote in favor of a change. It is predicted that the church at large will not accept the change and equally confident are the delegates who favor the change that the conferences will support them.

In explaining why the bishops vetoed the measure Bishop Candler stated that in their minds the change would involve titles and pave the way for litigation. This is the first time since 1894 that the bishops have exercised their right to veto.

The announcement that the bishops had vetoed the measure created a little stir.

### An Extraordinary Freak.

Lancaster, S. C., Special.—A sow belonging to J. B. Vaughan of Pleasant Hill township gave birth to several pigs a few days ago and in the litter was a decided monstrosity, which he brought to town Saturday afternoon and exhibited, the unsightly freak being dead. It has the head and bill of a duck and the claws of a cat.

### Can't Give Whiskey for Sickness.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—Whiskey can not be legally lent for the use of a sick friend, according to a ruling handed down by the supreme court in the case of Presley Clarke against the State. Clarke was convicted of exchanging prohibited liquors and entered the plea that a quart which he transferred was given to a neighbor, members of whose family were ill.

### Difference in Cost of Coffee.

Washington, Special.—Herman Sieleken, a New York coffee importer, told the House Ship Subsidy investigating committee that the middleman's profit on coffee in this country is approximately 15 cents a pound, against Germany's 7 cents profit. Germany imposes a tariff on coffee and the United States does not. Sieleken, replying to questions of Representative Longworth, said that during a period of many years the price of coffee laid down at New York has averaged 71-2 cents, and the cost of roasting and preparing it 2 to 21-2 cents, the consumer paying for this 25 cents a pound and upward.

## PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY

Dr. J. W. Bachman, of Chattanooga, Elected Moderator of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly.

Lewisburg, W. Va., Special.—The greatest honor in the gift of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly was conferred Thursday upon Rev. Dr. J. W. Bachman, of Chattanooga, Tenn., when it elected him moderator. The first day's session of the assembly also was marked by the election of Dr. T. H. Law, of Spartanburg, S. C., as stated clerk.

"We have both fought for the South and for the flag of Jesus Christ," said Dr. W. E. Bezugs, of Atlanta, Ga., the retiring moderator to Dr. Bachman. "You never deserted your colors. In a great epidemic in your city you completed the conquest there of every heart that was worth knowing. To one so beloved by his people and his church, it is a great joy to turn over this grave."

For a moment Dr. Bachman hesitated, then he said: "I have been called to accept several honors, but nothing has given me more pleasure than to receive this grave from you." Then these two great leaders in the church threw their arms around one another in a tender embrace.

### Northern Presbyterian Assembly.

Atlantic City, N. J., Special.—Rev. Charles Little of Wabash, Ind., was elected moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly of the United States on the third day Thursday afternoon. John C. Cheney, national representative from Indiana, who nominated Dr. Little, told of the fact that the nominee had two brothers in the Presbyterian ministry and three sisters who had married Presbyterian ministers.

### Cumberland Assembly Meets.

Dickson, Tenn., Special.—Judge Joseph H. Fussell of Columbia, Tenn., was elected moderator by acclamation and the formal organization of the eighth Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly was completed at Thursday night's session. Committees were appointed and the actual work of the assembly began.

### Delegates From 52 Nations.

Washington, Special.—The world's sixth Sunday-School Convention opened in this city Thursday afternoon with 3,000 delegates present, and most of them are accompanied by alternates and friends.

Five hundred delegates are foreigners and represent every country in the world. The other 2,500 come from the United States and Canada. The Canadian visitors are so numerous that a special division has been assigned to them in the great parade of Bible class men to be held tomorrow evening.

The convention meets but once in three years. It is regarded as one of the great events in the Christian world, and affords an opportunity for all denominations and creeds to get together on common ground.

Ten thousand strangers are within the gates of the National Capital. The delegates from the 52 nations will in turn represent 26,000,000 Sunday school students.

### Louisiana Wants Panama Exposition.

Baton Rouge, La., Special.—With its passage through the House Friday the Panama exposition bill, already favorably acted upon by the Senate of the Louisiana assembly, now goes to the Governor for his signature. Governor Sanders says that he will approve the measure.

The bill submits to the people of the State the question of a special tax providing \$4,000,000 as a subscription to the fund being raised for the promotion of an international exposition to be held in New Orleans in 1915 to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal.

The people will vote on the tax in an election next November.

### Job Printers Will be Glad.

Washington, Special.—Representative Silvester C. Smith of California intimated in a speech before the convention of the United Typothetae of America that the house committee on postroads and postoffices would soon report favorably a bill to cause the government to discontinue printing return cards on stamped envelopes.

### Roosevelt's Throat Troublesome.

London, By Cable.—Mr. Roosevelt's throat is proving more obstinate than it was thought it would be. He is to be as quiet as possible, and his throat now seems to be worse than it was some days ago.

### Another Companion For Morse.

Boston, Special.—George W. Coleman, the \$12-a-week clerk of the National City Bank, of Cambridge, pleaded guilty to looting that institution of \$309,000 and was sentenced by Judge Hale to 15 years in the Federal prison at Atlanta.